Modern Blackboards

Blackboards of translucent ground glass lighted from behind are proposed as a substitute for the usual black surface familiar to very school child. The old type of blackboard is difficult to illuminate so that all the room can see, but the ground glass, electrically lighted from the rear, allows every thing chalked upon it to be seen from all parts of the room, even when a combination of daylight and artificial illumination is being used.

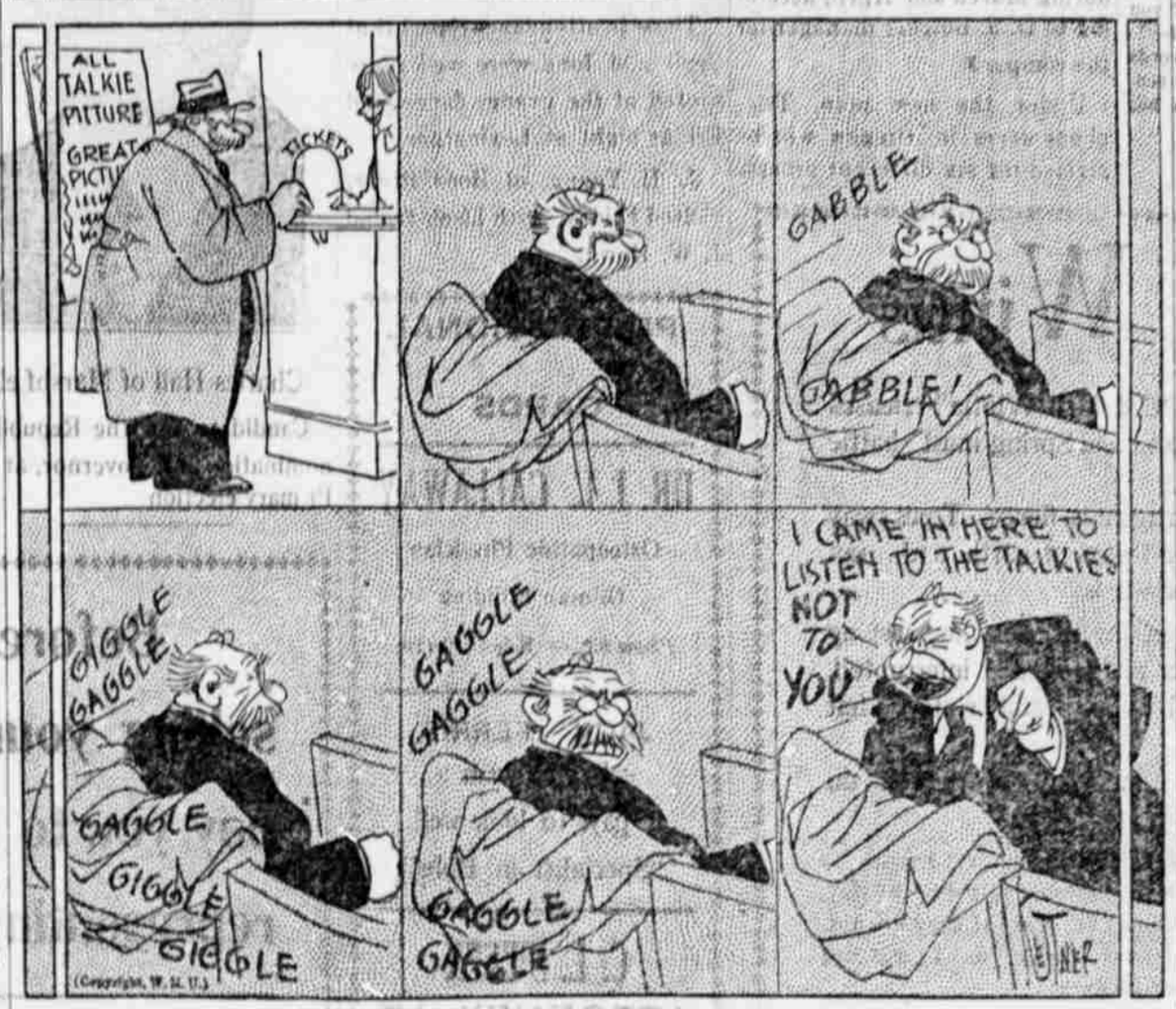
Never Refused

A young poet was asked why he attended church so regularly.

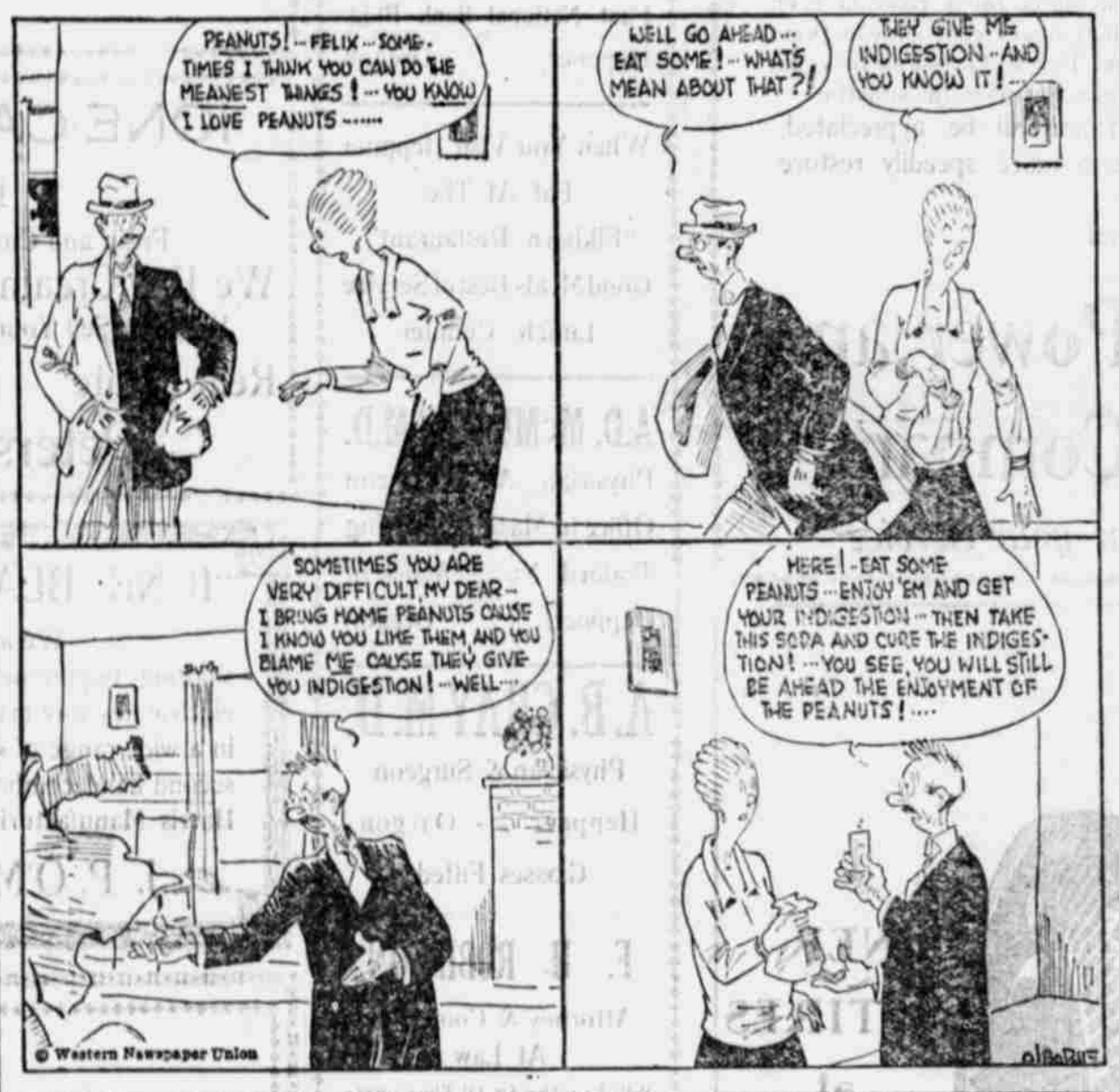
"Well, among other things," he answered, "it's one place where my contributions are invariably accepted."

OUR COMIC SECTION

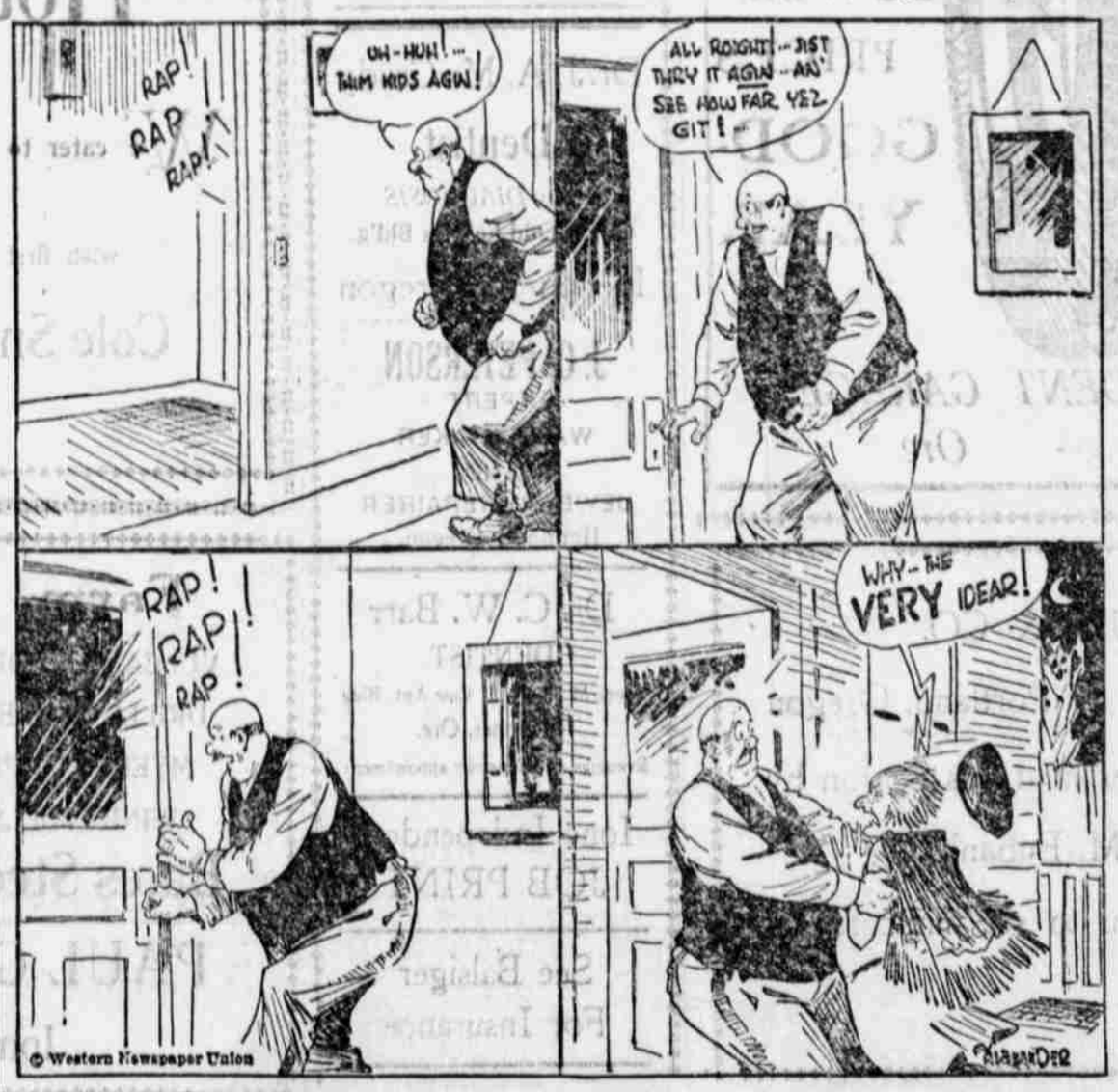
Our Pet Peeve



THE FEATHERHEADS — Striving to Please



FINNEY OF THE FORCE — On a Neighborly Call



Efforts to Foretell Weather Date From 1654

Forecasting the weather has long been an interesting study. Organized scientific effort to unfold its mysteries date back to 1654, when a corps of meteorological observers was appointed under the auspices of Grand Duke Ferdinand II of Tuscany. One of the most interesting facts about this pioneer enterprise is that the participants (mostly Jesuit priests), who kept up weather observations on a more or less uniform plan for 13 years, were not confined to Tuscany, nor even to Italy. Unsuccessful efforts were made to obtain observations from Java, Labrador and Iceland. Instructions were drawn up in Latin for the guidance of the observers, who were well supplied with instruments of uniform pattern. Lastly, the records for this far-flung system of weather stations down to the year 1792 were published in 12 quarto volumes, copies of which are now among the rare treasures of meteorological libraries.

Good Job, but Late

Recently when a Junction City woman cleaned her attic and found seven perfectly good hats which her daughters were no longer wearing she decided to send them to a rummage sale. She hailed a small boy, gave him a dime and directed him to take the package to the place of sale.

Later one of the daughters was mystified when she received a bill from a local cleaning establishment for cleaning seven hats. Imagine her amazement when the package was unwrapped to see long-forgotten millinery dating back to the days before the war. They had cleaned beautifully!—Junction City (Kan.) Union.

Earthquakes

The occurrence of earthquakes depends on strains set up by changes in elevation and other slow earth movements. There are more such actively moving regions in Europe and Asia than in the United States, hence more quakes. The details as to why certain regions are in this state of change, and others are not, are not fully known.

Labor Saving

Hubby—These portable houses ought to be easy to house clean in.

Wife—Not any different from any other houses.

Hubby—Yes, they are. You can let the sides down and have the wind blow the dirt out.

That Decided Her

"What did you say when you proposed to Muriel?"

"I told her the truth. I said: 'I am nothing, I have nothing, and I can do nothing.'"

"What did she do?"

"She did nothing."—Hummel, Hamburg.

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